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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated May 15, 2002 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before August 15, 2002. *A Petition for a one-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith, making this amendment due on or before September 15, 2002.* Because September 15, 2002 fell on a Sunday, this amendment is being filed on the next business day, i.e., September 16, 2002. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In view of the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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I. AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please enter the amendments to claims 1 and 5, as shown below.

1. (Three Times Amended) A method for reducing the plasma level of VLDL in a host, said method comprising:

administering to said host an effective amount of an agent which reduces the amount of plasma active apoE in said host by reducing the expression of apoE by an amount sufficient to reduce VLDL production in said host to reduce the plasma level of VLDL in said host, whereby the plasma level of VLDL in said host is reduced by at least two fold.

5. (Three Times Amended) A method of treating a host suffering from a disease condition associated with elevated plasma levels of VLDL, said method comprising: